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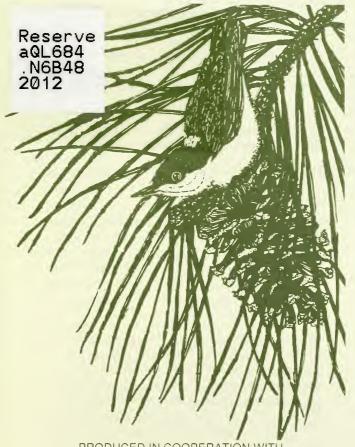
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# Birds of Lincoln County: A Checklist

Lincoln National Forest



PRODUCED IN COOPERATION WITH Lincoln County Bird Club and Professional Birder Bill West

# **Using the Checklist**

The columns following the name of each species are intended to help the birder with identification.

The **Abundance** column refers to how numerous the species is in relation to other species.

C - Common

F - Fairly Common

U - Uncommon

O - Occasional

R - Rare

The **Residence** column lists the time of year the species normally appears in the checklist area.

- P Permanent Resident (present year-round)
- S Summer Resident (present from spring until fall migration
- W Winter Resident (typically from October through March)
- M Transient or Migrant (present as a migrant in spring and/or fall)

The remaining columns describe the habitat(s) where one is most likely to encounter each species.

Note: This is not a comprehensive list; use it as a guide.

## Vegetation

Lincoln National Forest contains three ranger districts (Guadalupe, Smokey Bear, and Sacramento), three major mountain ranges (Guadalupe, Sacramento, and Capitan), and covers 1,103,441 acres in parts of four counties in southeastern New Mexico. The following information describes Smokey Bear Ranger District of the Lincoln National Forest.

Smokey Bear Ranger District, headquartered in Ruidoso, ranges in elevation from 5,400 to 11,400 feet. The district, lying entirely within Lincoln County, contains two wilderness areas—White Mountain and Capitan Mountains—totaling 86,000 acres. The vegetation ranges from semidesert plants, piñon pine and juniper, ponderosa pine, and mixed conifer to spruce, fir, and high elevation grasses and forbs. This range contains one of the few mountain ranges in the country that runs east to west.

	Abundance	Residence	Desert	Grassland	Oak Woodland	Oak/Juniper	Piñon/Juniper	Ponderosa Pine	Mixed Conifer	Lake/Marsh	Deciduous Riparian	Conifer Riparian
Loons												
Common Loon	R	W								•		
Grebes												
Eared Grebe	U	W								•		
Pied-billed Grebe	С	W								•		
Western Grebe	U	W										
Herons		-		_	_	_		_		_		_
White-faced lbis	U	М										
											•	
Cattle Egret Green Heron	0	M S										
Great Blue Heron	F	Р										
Black Crowned Night	0	S										
Heron										•		
Cranes												
Snowy Egret	R	S								•		
Sandhill Crane	U	M								•		
Great Egret	R	S								•		
Ducks, Geese												
Cackling Goose	0	M								•		
Ross's Goose	0	M								•		
Wood Duck	0	W								•		
American Wigeon	U	W								•		
Buffelhead	F	W								•		
Canvasback	U	W								•		
Common Goldeneye	U	W								•		
Common Merganser	F U	W										
Hooded Merganser Gadwall	C	W										
Mallard	С	P										
Northern Pintail	U	M								•		
Northern Shoveler	F	W								•		
Redhead	С	W								•		
Ring-necked Duck	С	W								•		
Ruddy Duck	U	W								•		
Blue-winged Teal	U	М								•		
Cinnamon Teal	U	M								•		
Green-winged Teal	U	W								•		
Canada Goose	С	P								•	•	
Snow Goose	U	M								•		
Lesser Scaup	U	W										

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Sandpipers, Phalaropes												
Western Sandpiper	U	M								•		
Baird's Sandpiper	U	M								•		
Least Sandpiper	U	M								•		
Pectoral Sandpiper	0	M								•		
Spotted Sandpiper	F	S								•	•	
Stilt Sandpiper	0	M										
Long-billed Curlew	0	M M		•								
Greater Yellowlegs Lesser Yellowlegs	U	M										
Wilson's Phalarope	U	M										
Wilson's Snipe	U	W								•		
American Avocet	0	М								•		
Long-billed Dowitcher	U	M								•		
Black-necked Stilt	0	M								•		
Gulls and Terns												
Ring-billed Gull	0	М								•	•	
Black Tern	R	M								•		
Plovers												
Killdeer	С	Р								•	•	
Mountain Plover	0	М		•								
Rails, Coots												
American Coot	С	W								•		Н
Virginia Rail	U	Р								•		
Sora	0	M								•		
Falcons												
Merlin	0	W	•	•								
Peregrine Falcon	0	Р			•	•	•	•	•			
Prarie Falcon	R	W			•	•	•	•	•			
American Kestrel	С	Р	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Kites, Eagles, Hawks												
Bald Eagle	F	W								•	•	•
Golden Eagle	U	Р	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Northern Harrier	F	W	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	
Cooper's Hawk	F	Р					•	•	•		•	•
Northern Goshawk	0	Р			•	•	•	•	•			
Sharp-shinned Hawk	U	P					•	•	•		•	•
Ferruginous Hawk	U	W	•									
Harris Hawk	R	Р	•	•								

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Red-tailed Hawk	С	P	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	ī	•	
Rough-legged Hawk	R	W	•	•								
Swainson's Hawk	U	S	•	•								
Zone-tailed Hawk	U	S		•	•	•	•				•	
Mississippi Kite	R	S	•	•								
Osprey	U	M								•	•	
Common Black Hawk	U	S		_		_					•	
American Vultures												
Turkey Vulture	С	S	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	
Typical Owls												
Burrowing Owl	U	P	•	•								
Flammulated Owl	F	S						•	•			•
Long-eared Owl	0	Р						•	•			
Great Horned Owl	F	Р	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Northern Pygmy Owl	U	P			•	•	•	•	•			•
Northern Saw-whet Owl	U	S							•			•
Spotted Owl	U	Р						•	•			•
Western Screech-Owl	F	Р			•	•	•	•		_	•	
Barn Owls												
Common Barn Owl	U	Р	•	•	•	•	•					
Jays, Crows												
Clark's Nutcracker	0	Р							•			
Pinyon Jay	U	Р				•	•	•				
Scrub Jay	С	Р			•	•	•					
Steller's Jay	С	Р						•	•			•
American Crow	U	Р			•	•	•	•			•	
Chihuahuan Raven	U	Р	•	•								
Common Raven	С	Р	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Woodpeckers												
Northern Flicker	С	Р			•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Acorn Woodpecker	С	Р			•	•	•	•				
Downy Woodpecker	F	P			•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Hairy Woodpecker	С	P			•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	F	Р	•		•	•	•				•	
Three-toed Woodpecker	0	P						•	•			
Williamson's Sapsucker	U	S							•			
Red-naped Sapsucker	F	P							•		•	•
Kingfishers												
Belted Kingfisher	U	P								•	•	
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Nuthatches												
Pygmy Nuthatch	С	Р						•	•			
Red-breasted Nuthatch	С	Р							•			•
White-breasted Nuthatch	С	Р	_	_	_	_	•	•	•		•	•
Titmice												
Mountain Chickadee	С	P						•	•			•
Juniper Titmouse	С	Р			•	•	•	_	_			_
Bustits												
Bushtit	С	Р			•	•	•					
Kinglets												
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	С	Р			•	•	•	•	•			
Golden-crowned Kinglet		P							•			
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	U	M	-	_	•	-	•	-	_	-	•	-
Dippers		_										
American Dipper	U	Р	_	_			_					•
Creepers	_											
Brown Creeper	F	Р		_	_	_		•	•	-		•
Pipits												
American Pipit	U	M			_				_	•	•	_
Wrens												
Bewick's Wren	С	Р			•	•	•				•	
Cactus Wren	U	Р	•	•								
Canyon Wren House Wren	C	P S										
Rock Wren	С	Р		•	•	•	•	Ĭ	Ĭ			Ĭ
Marsh Wren	U	W								•	•	
Finches				ī								
American Goldfinch	F	W			•	•	•	•				
Lesser Goldfinch	С	Р		•	•	•	•	•			•	
Cassin's Finch	0	Р						•	•			
House Finch	С	Р	•	•	•	•	•					
Red Crossbill	U	Р						•	•			
Pine Siskin	С	P			•	•	•	•	•			
House Sparrow	С	Р	•	•	•	•	•	•		_	•	
Blackbirds, Orioles												
Common Grackle	U	S									•	
Brewer's Blackbird	F	W		•							•	
Bronzed Cowbird	R	S	-	-							-	

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Red-winged Blackbird	С	Р		_				Т		•	•	
Brown-headed Cowbird	С	Р	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Yellow-headed	U	M										
Blackbird				Ĭ						Ĭ		
Bullock's Oriole	С	S			•	•					•	
Scott's Oriole	U	S	•	•	•	•	•					
Western Meadowlark	С	Р	•	•								
Eastern Meadowlark	U	Р	•	•								
Orchard Oriole	R	M					•				•	
Hooded Oriole	0	S		_	-	_		_		_	•	
Starlings												
European Starling	С	Р		•	•	•	•			_	•	
Roadrunners, Cuckoos												
Greater Roadrunner	F	P	•	•	•	•	•					
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	U	S									•	
Pigeons, Doves												
Inca Dove	0	Р	•	•								
Mourning Dove	С	Р	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Rock Dove	С	Р	•	•	•	•	•					
White-winged Dove	F	Р	•	•	•	•	•				•	
Band-tailed Pigeon	С	S			•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Eurasian Collared Dove	F	Р		_		_		_			•	
Thrushes												
Eastern Bluebird	U	W			•	•	•				•	
Mountain Bluebird	F	Р		•	•	•	•	•				
Western Bluebird	С	Р		•	•	•	•	•				
Hermit Thrush	F	Р						•	•		•	
American Robin	С	Р			•	•	•	•	•		•	
Townsend's Solitaire	F	Р		•	•	•	•	•	•	_		
Mockingbirds, Thrashers	S											
Northern Mockingbird	F	Р	•	•	•	•	•					
Crissal Thrasher	0	Р	•	•	•	•	•					
Curve-billed Thrasher	U	Р	•	•	•	•	•					
Sage Thrasher	U	W	•	•	•	•	•					
Gray Catbird	R	S				_					•	
Shrikes												
Loggerhead Shrike	U	Р	•	•	•	•						
Waxwings												
Cedar Waxwing	F	W			•	•	•				•	
American Pipit	U	M								•	•	

# Northern Sacramento Mountains Lincoln National Forest



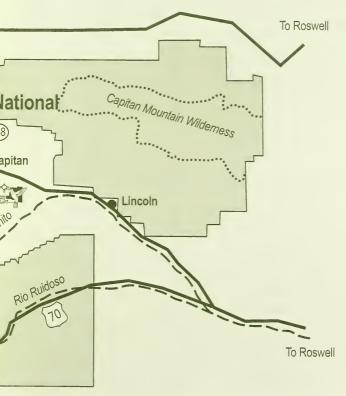
# Legend

- (1) Bonito Lake
- Alto Lake
- Grindstone Lake



Bird Watching Opportunity Sites





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Silky-Flycatchers  Phainopepla	U	Р									
Larks					_	_		_	_		
Horned Lark	С	Р									
Swallows		_			-	_	_				_
Tree Swallow	0	М									
Bank Swallow	U	M									
Barn Swallow	С	S		•	•	•	•		•	•	
Cliff Swallow	С	S			•	•	•		•		
Violet-green Swallow	С	S				•	•	•		•	•
Purple Martin	0	S					•			•	
Rough-winged Swallow	F	S							•	•	
Flycatchers											
Hammond's Flycatcher	U	M								•	
Ash-throated Flycatcher	С	S	• •	•	•	•	•			•	
Dusky Flycatcher	U	M					•	•		•	
Gray Flycatcher	С	S				•	•				
Olive-sided Flycatcher	U	S					•	•			
Cordilleran Flycatcher	С	S					•	•		•	•
Cassin's Kingbird	С	S	• •	•	•	•	•				
Western Kingbird	С	S	•	•	•	•	•				
Western Wood-Pewee	С	S		•	•	•	•			•	•
Black Phoebe	F	Р							•	•	
Eastern Phoebe	0	W								•	
Say's Phoebe	F	Р	• •	•	•	•					
Vermilion Flycatcher	R	S	_		_			_	_	•	_
Night Jars											
Common Nighthawk	С	S	• •	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Lesser Nighthawk	U	S	•								
Common Poorwill	F	S	• •	•	•	•	•	•		•	
Whip-poor-will	U	S					•	•			
Sparrows, Towhees											
Lark Bunting	U	W	• •								
Lincoln's Sparrow	F	M								•	
Cassin's Sparrow	С	S	• •								
Black-chinned Sparrow	F	S		•	•	•					
Black-throated Sparrow	F	P									
Brewer's Sparrow	U	W									
Chipping Sparrow	С	Р	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	

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Clay-colored Sparrow	U	M	•	•							•	
Lark Sparrow	F	S	•	•	•	•	•	•				
Rufous-crowned	С	Р	•		•	•	•					
Sparrow		147										
Sage Sparrow	U	W	•	•								
Song Sparrow	С	W										
Swamp Sparrow	O F	W								•		
Vesper Sparrow White-crowned Sparrow		W										
Virille-crowned Sparrow Dark-eyed Junco	C	P										
Chestnut-collared	U	W										
Longspur	U	VV										
Canyon Towhee	С	Р	•		•	•	•					
(Brown)												
Green-tailed Towhee	F	S			•			•	•			•
Spotted Towhee	С	Р			•	•	•	•			•	
White-throated Sparrow	0	W									•	
Quail, Grouse, Turkeys												
Gambel's Quail	U	Р	•	•								
Montezuma Quail	U	Р			•	•		•				
Scaled Quail	F	Р	•	•	•	•						
Wild Turkey	С	Р					•	•			•	
Hummingbirds												
Black-chinned Hummingbird	С	S			•	•	•	•			•	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	С	S			•	•	•	•	•			
Calliope Hummingbird	U	M			•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Magnificent	0	S						•	•		•	•
Hummingbird Rufous Hummingbird	U	М										
	0	IVI				_	-					
Grosbeaks, Cardinals	0	0										
Black-headed Grosbeak	C F	S			•		•	•	•		•	
Blue Grosbeak	r U	S									-	
Evening Grosbeak Rose-breasted	U	-									-	
Groesbeak	0	М									•	
Indigo Bunting	U	S									•	
Lazuli Bunting	U	S									•	
Painted Bunting	R	М	•								•	
Pyrrhuloxia	F	Р	•									

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Tanagers												
Hepatic Tanager	U	S				•	•	•				
Western Tanager	F	S			•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Summer Tanager	U	S									•	
Wood Warblers, Vireos												
Black-throated Gray Warbler	F	S				•	•					
Common Yellow-throat	U	S									•	
Grace's Warbler	F	S						•	•			
Hermit Warbler	R	M			•			•	•			
MacGillivray's Warbler	С	S					•				•	•
Orange-crowned Warbler	F	S							•			•
Tennessee Warbler	R	M									•	
Townsend's Warbler	U	M					•	•	•		•	•
Virginia's Warbler	F	S			•	•	•	•				
Wilson's Warbler	F	M			•	•	•	•			•	
Yellow Warbler	F C	S									Ä	
Yellow-rumped Warbler Yellow-breasted Chat	F	S									Ĭ	
Northern Waterthrush	0	M										
Painted Redstart	R	S								Ĭ		•
Vireos			_									
Flumbeous (Solitary) Vireo	С	S			•	•	•	•	•		•	
Warbling Vireo	С	S						•	•		•	•
Cassin's Vireo	0	М									•	
Accidental Species												
Blue-throated		S						•			•	
Hummingbird		5										
Red-headed		S			•						•	
Woodpecker												
Blue Jay		S									•	
Winter Wren		M							•			

Please report any unlisted sighting to the Smokey Bear Ranger District in Ruidoso, New Mexico, at (575) 257-4095.

# Notes:

# **Biodiversity**

Since its creation in 1905, the Forest Service has been entrusted with management of the National Forest System. With passage of the Multiple Use—Sustained Yield Act in 1960 and the National Forest Management Act in 1976, the Forest Service's role was further refined to balance demands that were often in conflict: demands for forest products and demands to protect other resource values. These conflicting demands raised problems related to the map scales used for planning, protection of species and wildlands, forest conversion and simplification, fragmentation, pesticide use, and conservation of genetic resources.

While addressing these questions, the Forest Service continues to play many roles in conserving biodiversity, including renewable resources research, international forestry, aid to state and private forestry organizations and individiuals, and, of course, stewardship of the National Forest System.

By virtue of its size and geographic breadth, the National Forest System ranks chief among the country's most important reservoirs of biodiversity. Indeed, the majority of nonmarine species in the United States probably occur somewhere on national forest lands.

The Forest Service strives to emphasize certain apsects of biodiversity in managing national forests and national grasslands, which cover 191 million acres from subarctic Alaska to tropical Puerto Rico—an area larger than the state of Texas. Scientists and resource managers are developing new knowledge and technologies that affect biodiversity such as population viability, ecosystem restoration, landscape ecology, habitat isolation and fragmentation, analysis of cumulative effects, and genetic variation.

The Forest Service also helps conserve biodiversity on state and private lands through cooperation and technology transfer with land managers in such areas as forest management, water quality, fire management, tree planting and breeding, and nursery management.

If you are interested in joining the Lincoln County Bird Club, contact the Smokey Bear Ranger District in Ruidoso, New Mexico, at (575) 257-4095.

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